



SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

“K” DIVISION

PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 1815 hours on 2022-02-02.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

CURRENT STATUS as of 1400 hrs on 2022-02-06:

- Currently at the main site in Coutts a single lane of travel is open in each direction allowing for restricted movement of traffic.
- At the main site in Coutts currently 14 semi-trucks are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 18 are lining the southbound lanes, for a total of 32 commercial vehicles.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 the amount of protesters remain fluid. Approximately 400 people. At last count there were 32 commercial vehicles, 6 tractor trailers and approximately 271 passenger vehicles. The protesters at checkpoint 10 continue to challenge RCMP.
- The protesters at both the main site continue to be active and unpredictable.
- This remains a fluid situation at all sites.



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- The need for heavy equipment to clear the highway of vehicles still exists and will be critical for any enforcement action.
- CCMG is working with the protesters and the community to develop a process to move the protesters at checkpoint 10 to an area that would allow them to have a legal protest, this would enhance police and public safety.
- Traffic is flowing, slowly, through the border crossing in both the north and south lanes.
- CCMG continue to maintain communication with the organizers at both the main site and checkpoint 10.
- The members of “Freedom 2022” have advised that they plan to move their trucks out at 1300 today. It is unknown at this time how many trucks are planning to depart the sites.
- One convoy has been reported to RCMP in Okotoks, there have been no issues/concerns with this protest and it is expected they are going to remain in the Okotoks area.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Media releases continue to be disseminated when required.
- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts is being used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, comments have turned negative towards law enforcement throughout the day.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

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